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## Municipally Owned Park Is Sought Here By Interested Group

### Calls County Wide Teachers' Meeting



PROF. JOE R. NIXON

### LINCOLN COUNTY TEACHERS MEETING

A county-wide teachers' meeting will be held in the court house Thursday, August 5, at 3 p. m. Teachers of those schools in session and teachers in those schools not now in session who can get off from present employment are expected to attend.

A. B. Combs for the high schools, Miss Hattie Parrott for the elementary schools, and Ralph J. Andrews for physical and health education in grades one through the twelfth, from the State Department will be present.

### PLAN PROGRAM OF WORK FOR N. C. WOMEN

Last week a program planning conference was held in Raleigh for the purpose of making out a 1944 program of work for Home Demonstration club women throughout the state. The conference was made up of Miss Ruth Current, state home agent; the five district home agents; the extension specialists in foods, clothing, home management and food conservation; Miss Frances McGreggor, assistant state 4-H club leader, and two home demonstration agents from each of the five districts. Miss Elizabeth Francis was one of the home agents to represent this district and to help with the program planning.

During the week talks were given by various people reporting the work of home demonstration club women in North Carolina. Dean I. O. Schaub explained how our produce could reach more people this year. Mrs. Jane S. McKinnon, former state home agent, brought encouragement and gave the progress which home demonstration work has made over a short period of years.

Mrs. Karl Bishopric, state chair woman of Women's Division of the War Savings Staff, congratulated the farm women on their fine work and encouraged regular purchases of stamps and bonds. This will hasten victory and store up a nest egg for the future to buy better materials. Each of us has a part in this war, and the more stamps and sweat now, the less blood and tears later. It is my flag, your flag, our flag. Yes, if you are working for it and not just waving it.

In planning a program of work for the women of North Carolina there were many things to consider. The program was planned to best meet the needs of each and every community and neighborhood. Miss Ruth Current brought out the fact that it was inevitable that we would have a food shortage in the United States. Keeping this in mind, the committee endeavored to make out a plan whereby the North Carolina women would make an even greater contribution to the war effort in the coming year.

PVT. KISTLER ON FURLOUGH  
Pvt. Clyde Woodrow Kistler, of Borer City, who has been in the hospital for the past four weeks at Fort Jackson, S. C., is spending a 14-day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Ross. Pvt. Kistler entered the army March 5, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Kistler, of Mt. Holly, N. C.

### Mass Meeting Held Monday Night In Court House To Discuss Project

A municipally owned park and supervised recreational center for Lincoln County is the goal set by a group of public spirited citizens, who met at the court house Monday night for a discussion of the project.

The meeting, attended by some 50 men and women representing the textile and business interests as well as a number of civic and social organizations, was presided over by W. E. Garrison. Enthusiastic talks favoring the establishment of a park were made by Rev. L. A. Thomas, R. P. Hinson, W. W. Glenn, Randolph Zimbaum, W. C. Henderson, Dave Lerner, Col. W. A. Fair, Dr. L. A. Crowell, Mrs. Summey Alexander, Mrs. John Ritzert, Mrs. Jas. A. Abernethy, Jr., Mrs. Steve Reinhardt, Mrs. Rose W. Grigg, Mrs. Mary Stuart Davis, Miss Frances Capel, Mrs. Floyd Corriher, Mrs. Lena Reinhardt, Mrs. Arnold Cochrane, Mrs. Hal Hoyle, Rev. Yancey Elliott, E. B. Goodin, Hal Cornwell, S. Ray Londer, J. A. Polhill, S. M. Roper and J. A. Burris.

One of the strongest arguments put forth in favor of the park was the alarming increase in juvenile crime, attributed largely to the fact that many young people of today are on their own, as it were, and do not have the proper environment for normal growth.

Chairman Garrison cited the following figures from a recent report of J. Edgar Hoover of Federal Bureau of Investigation: "One hundred and fifty thousand murderers are walking our streets, many of them in their teens; one major crime is committed every three minutes; this year crime will visit one out of every four homes; while male crimes decreased ten per cent, female crimes increased 21 per cent; in the 17 to 20 age group there was a 20 per cent increase in crime; among boys 12 to 17 the increase was 34 per cent; among girls of the same age the increase was 64.8 per cent. In three months time the report showed, the increase in crime among intermediates, 12 to 17 years old, was 157 per cent.

One of the causes given for this alarming increase was the fact that children have been allowed to seek their own entertainment without supervision of any kind, and one of the remedies suggested was for communities to provide wholesome recreation.

Col. Fair in his talk called attention to the large number of local youths who come before him in the city court, and Mrs. Grigg, county welfare officer, told of twenty boys sent up from juvenile courts who are now under the department's supervision.

A motion was made by W. C. Henderson that a committee be named to contact the city council and to go as far as possible in getting the cooperation of the citizens of Lincoln County in carrying through the project. This committee is composed of W. E. Garrison, chairman; Dr. L. A. Crowell, R. P. Hinson, J. A. Polhill, S. M. Roper, Mrs. Summey Alexander and Miss Maude Mullen, secretary.

### NEW WAR BOND DRIVE SEPT. 9

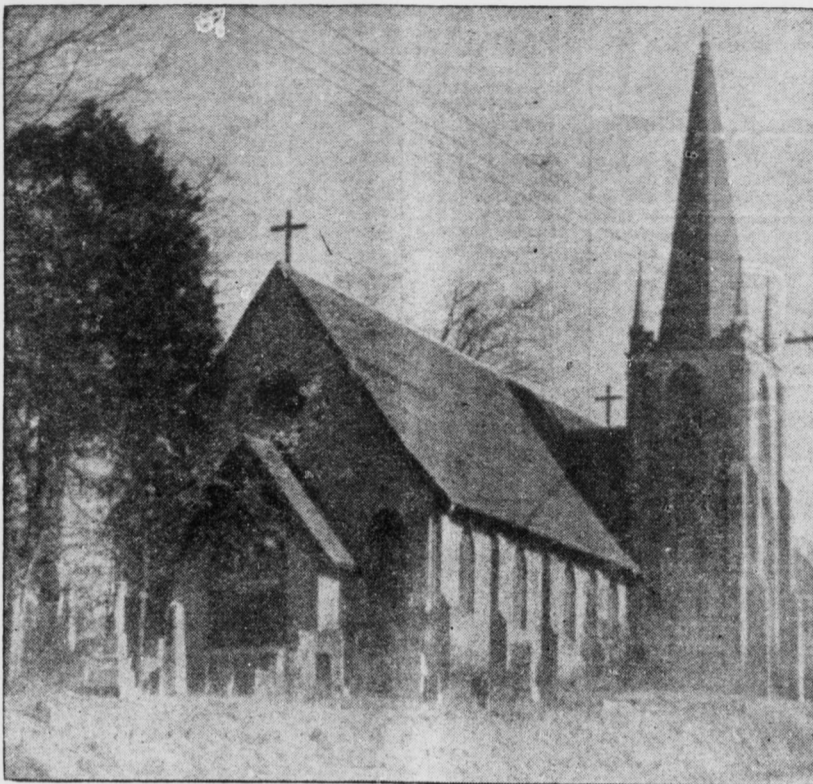
Washington, July 27.—President Roosevelt today formally proclaimed September 9 for the start of a Third War Loan campaign and asked every American to "back the attack" with War Bond purchases according to "his conscience."

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau has set a goal of \$15,000,000,000 for the drive and Mr. Roosevelt asserted that "in carrying the war into enemy territory, we shall need greater amounts of money than any nation has ever asked from its citizens in all history."

"As commander-in-chief," he said in his proclamation, "I hereby invoke every citizen to give all possible aid and support to the Third War Loan drive, not only so that our financial goal may be reached, but to encourage and inspire those of our husbands and fathers and sons who are under fire on a dozen fronts all over the world."

"It is my earnest hope that every American will realize that in buying War Bonds in this Third War Loan he has an opportunity to express voluntarily and under the guidance of his conscience, the extent to which he will back the attack."

### St. Luke's Episcopal Church Consecrated 100 Years Ago Today



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH TO HOLD ANOTHER SERIES OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

### LINCOLNTON TAX RATE IS 60c ON \$100 VALUATION

Lincolnton's tax rate for 1943-44 has been set at sixty cents on the \$100 property valuation, which is a reduction of 15 cents over the present rate.

The reduction was made possible by the cancellation of the special school tax of 15 cents voted to enable the city to have a nine month school. The entire school term of nine months is now state supported.

The tax rate was set on a property valuation of approximately \$5,000,000. The county tax rate, set several weeks ago by the Board of County Commissioners, remains at \$1.00 on the \$100 property valuation.

### LOCAL RED CROSS SENDS OUT SOS

The time has come, for the first time, that the American Red Cross is having to plead with ladies to come to the surgical dressing rooms and help with bandages. Our quota is large, and the time is growing shorter.

The honor roll of faithful members working steadily on towards the goal is as follows: Mesdames T. H. Cansler, Thorne Clark, James Shuford, S. H. Steelman, C. D. Stroupe, J. L. Thompson, Maxwell Ganter, Harvey Jonas, D. H. Mauney.

Others have started coming in at night, such as Mrs. Annie Nixon, who works hard all day, and realizing probably a great deal more than any other woman there, the urgent need of these bandages, she comes after a full day's work in the post office to help make the bandages that go to our soldiers and sailors all over the world.

Ladies, are you willing to share honors with these hard working women? Of course you are. Even a few hours a day or week will help tremendously in our earnest effort to fill our quota and get these bandages at once to the front lines where they are needed so badly.

Don't let the soldiers down, and don't let the Red Cross down. Even if you have never done this work before, there are efficient women there who will tell you how to do a beautiful bandage in little or no time. Your efforts will be reward enough when you see how quickly you learn. Most of the women listed above work from two to four hours a day, every day. Some work in the mornings, some in the afternoons, and many at night.

Don't let this warm weather cool your good intentions. The American Red Cross needs your help now.

Ray West, U. S. N., who is stationed at Bainbridge, Md., is spending a nine-day furlough here with his wife, who was formerly Miss Helen West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. West.

### President Of N. C. Medical Examiners



Dr. L. A. Crowell, Jr. (above), was elected president of the North Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners at a meeting of the board at Grove Park Inn at Asheville on July 26 and 27.

It was announced following the meeting that 62 physicians had been granted license to practice medicine in North Carolina by examinations taken in June, and 37 had been given licenses by endorsement of credentials. This is less than usual due to the fact that many young physicians are going directly from their internships into the armed forces.

Dr. Crowell was elected a member of the Board by the North Carolina Medical Society in 1938 at the age of 33, the youngest physician on record to hold membership on this board.

### DFC IS AWARDED TAR HEEL FLYER

Granite Falls, July 27.—First Lieutenant Percy W. Robinson, who has been reported missing in action since May 25, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by Lieut. Gen. Carl Spaatz, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Lina H. Robinson.

The citation reads: "For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European and North African theatres of operations as bombardier on B-17F type aircraft. As lead bombardier, Lieut. Robinson directed his flight on a bombing run over Tunis docks on February 1, 1943. As he approached the target, heavy flak hit the plane and Lieut. Robinson was hurled from his seat by a fragment which severely wounded him in the left shoulder. Though stunned and bleeding profusely, he determinedly operated his bomb sight, scoring accurate hits on the objective. One large ship was sunk and several others were damaged, thereby depriving the enemy of highly essential supplies. Lieut. Robinson's skill, courage and deep regard for his responsibilities on this and many other missions have reflected great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

BUY MORE U. S. WAR BONDS!

### Church Will Remain Open All Day For Rest And Prayer And Meditation

Today and tomorrow are red letter days in North Carolina's calendar of the Christian year and in the annals of the county of Lincoln and its country seat.

One hundred years ago today—July 29, 1843—the Right Reverend L. Stillman Ives, D.D., Second Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, consecrated a "building by the style and title of St. Luke's Church-in-Lincolnton" and the surrounding church yard "to the service of Almighty God" thereby "separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary and common uses and dedicating it to God's service, for reading His Holy Word, for celebrating His Holy Sacraments, for offering His Glorious Majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for helping His people in His name, and for the performance of all other holy offices, according to the Book of Common Prayer set forth by the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States and for no other purpose whatsoever."

Assisting the bishop in this service was the Reverend E. M. Forbes, the first rector, under whose leadership on November 29, 1841, a portion of the citizens of Lincolnton had met in Pleasant Retreat Academy and formed the congregation of St. Luke's Church-in-Lincolnton.

One hundred years ago tomorrow at a service in St. Luke's Bishop Ives advanced to the priesthood the Reverend J. S. Kidney and ordained the Reverend A. F. Clouston deacon. These were the first ordinations in the Episcopal diocese of North Carolina west of the Catawba river.

At this same service Reverend Mr. Forbes presented to the Bishop twelve candidates to receive the laying on of hands, who were then confirmed by the Bishop and made their first Communion at the solemn celebration which concluded this memorable service. Among these were the following founders of the parish: Vardry Alexander McBee, Leonard E. Thompson, Michael Hoke, Jeremiah W. Murphy, and Haywood W. Guion. Two other distinguished citizens of North Carolina who were also confirmed at this service were Richmond M. Pearson, later to become Chief Justice of the State, and Col. John H. Wheeler, then treasurer of the state and later famous as the author of "Wheeler's History of North Carolina."

In 1886 the plain edifice consecrated one hundred years ago today was replaced by the present beautiful Gothic building, shown above. Only the tower of the old church was retained.

The one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Parish was celebrated November 29, 1941, and the laying of the cornerstone of the first edifice on March 9, 1942. Today's and tomorrow's anniversaries will conclude the series of centennials in the life of this historic parish. St. Luke's will be open all day today for rest and prayer and meditation. The flowers on the altar will be in memory of the faithful departed, who made

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## Italy Believed Ready To Seek Peace With Allied Armed Forces

### Revival To Begin At Pleasant Grove

The annual revival at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church will be held August 1. On next Sunday home-coming will be observed with an all-day preaching and singing and dinner on the grounds. At the morning preaching hour Holy Communion will be served. At 12:30 there will be dinner on the grounds and the afternoon will be devoted to one old-time singing with many well-known musicians taking part. Some of these include E. F. Drum and the Turleyfill quartet, Prof. Paul B. Collins and his quartet, the Harmony boys and others.

At 8 p. m. the pastor, Rev. Thomas A. Summey, Jr., will begin the revival with a sermon, "The Need For A Revival." Preaching will continue each night through the remainder of the week around the general theme, "Christ Meets the Sinner."

A cordial invitation is extended to the former members and friends of Pleasant Grove to bring a basket and enjoy home-coming next Sunday.

### Badoglio's Forces Resist Attempt Of Hitler To Establish Defense System

London, July 28.—Violent fighting has broken out between Italian and German troops in northern Italy, according to reports "leaking out of the war weary land of fallen Fascism, where grave disorders bordering on outright revolution were said to be sweeping Milan."

Accounts reaching Madrid said active Italian military resistance in the north at Milan and Turin was blocking a German attempt to pour ten divisions into a line along the Po river, where Germans were believed to have established a defense system in betrayal of a pledge to Marshal Badoglio to help hold all Italy.

Ankara heard reports that Italy will now negotiate peace.

A Rome spokesman in a closely-censored telephone conversation with Bern, Switzerland, declined to confirm or deny that Italy had already asked for an armistice.

### Gunfire Reported

Reports which were not confirmed but which were received from Switzerland from the Italian border said that all workers in Milan had left their jobs and that there was gunfire when the people apparently became uneasy at the delay of the new government of Marshal Pietro Badoglio in making peace.

The Allies still watched for definite indication whether Italy is staying in or getting out of the war.

The disturbances were said to have been in spite of a state of siege declared by military authorities.

Later, a Swiss radio broadcast, heard here by the Associated Press, said the Milan situation had become worse and "armed forces have intervened."

"Despite interference by the armed forces the workers remain on strike," said this broadcast.

It added that demonstrations in favor of the Soviet Union had taken place and that banks were closed.

Meanwhile, a series of announcements from Rome and reports reaching neighboring countries emphasized the dramatic overturn that had taken place with the collapse of Benito Mussolini's generation of dictatorship.

### ROTARY CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The Rotary Club held its regular meeting Tuesday with the president, Dan M. Boyd, presiding.

The program was in charge of Chas. A. Jonas, who introduced the Rev. L. A. McClure, of Alexis, as the guest speaker. Mr. McClure made an exceptionally timely and instructive talk on the subject of work.

Visitors at the meeting were Max Goodman, High Point; Bill McNeill and Frank Love, Shelby; W. L. Balthis, Charley Bryant and French Campbell, Gastonia, and Bob Goody, Dallas, Texas.

T. F. Corriher, chairman of the committee on community service, announced that his committee would meet at the Red Cross surgical dressing room Tuesday night to assist in packing the dressings for shipment.

### VESSEL HONORS TAR HEEL HERO

Launched in California, It Bears Name of Lieutenant Fair Of Lincolnton

Mare Island, Calif., July 28.—The U.S.S. Fair, a destroyer escort vessel, was launched today at the Mare Island Navy Yard, bearing the name of a hero of the battle of the Solomons, Lieut. Victor Norman Fair, of Lincolnton, N. C.

His widow, Mrs. Charlotte Ramseur Fair, was sponsor and christened the vessel. His sister, Miss Jeannette Fair, also of Lincolnton, was maid of honor.

Lieut. Fair was killed on last September 9 of Guadalcanal, while on duty on the U.S.S. Gregory. He was in the third generation of American fighting men. His grandfather, Col. Warren A. Fair, was long in service. His father, Victor Norman Fair, Sr., is an ex-service man. He is postmaster at Lincolnton.

Attending the launching in addition to the widow and Miss Fair were Lieut. Fair's parents, and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Ramseur, of Lincolnton, parents of Mrs. Charlotte Fair. Lieut. Fair was born in Lincolnton, went to school there and was educated at Guilford College, North Carolina. He was sent to Northwestern University when he enlisted in the Navy and then to Norfolk. He was only 21 years of age at the time of his death and was not quite 21 when he received his commission in the Navy.

### 520 Million Letters Sent From USO Clubs

Monroe, July 27.—About 520,720,000 letters and post cards have been written in USO clubs since the first club opened more than two years ago, it was revealed today by M. E. Shepherd, convener the USO staff conference of Monroe.

It was estimated that letters on USO stationery have been received in more than 25,000,000 American homes. One of the first features of the early USO clubs was the writing room, where the newly enlisted soldier could sit down in comparative comfort and quiet and tell the folks back home what his new life was all

### ICKES PLEDGES EAST MORE GAS

Administrator Says "Positive-ly" Autoists To Get Somewhat Larger Supply

Washington, July 28.—Secretary Ickes reported "positively" today that eastern motorists soon will have available "a somewhat larger supply of gasoline. Providing it," he said, "will not hamper the stockpiling of heating oil against the coming winter."

Ickes, as petroleum administrator, reported that stocks of petroleum products available to civilians in the East again rose slightly in the week ending July 24 and attained the level of 35.2 per cent of prewar normal, he said.

"Somewhat Larger Supply"

"Always subject, of course, to unexpected setbacks and to sudden, large military demands, I think that it can be said positively that we shall soon arrive at the point where we can make available a somewhat larger supply of gasoline for civilian use in the East, while at the same time allowing for the necessary build-up of heating oil stocks against next winter's demand."

Ickes' statement, however, said nothing changing the position he has long maintained against relaxation of the eastern pleasure driving ban. "This ban conceivably could be kept in effect even if the value of gasoline coupons was raised for the benefit of essential drivers."

Nevertheless, the tone of Ickes' statement was more optimistic than anything he had said in many months and gave support to unofficial reports that the improving eastern situation probably would permit easing of the pleasure-driving ban in the near future.

Ickes reported that railroad shipments of oil to the East during the week ending July 24 fell to 957,038 barrels daily from 99,235 barrels daily for the preceding week.

Experience in these early USO clubs showed that the writing room was one section that should be expanded when more clubs were built.